GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `AI settles for Boeing, Airbus cries foul` appearing in the Times of India dated April, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enquire into the charges made by the Airbus Company about altering the bidding terms mid-ways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The allegations mentioned in the news item purportedly made by Airbus regarding Air India`s selection of Boeing aircraft for purchase are baseless and not based on facts. Air India has followed the laid down procedures in aircraft evaluation. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued to the manufacturers laying down Air India`s requirement of aircraft. The evaluation was carried out within the ambit of the RFP and there were no deviations as alleged in the news Report. Equal opportunities were given to both aircraft manufacturers for submitting competitive bids.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) and (e): Do not arise.